

**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

A public council meeting was held at the Town of Stephenville Town office on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The meeting was also streamed.

Present	Tom Rose	Mayor, Chairperson
	Susan Fowlow	Deputy Mayor
	Myra White	Councillor
	Laura Aylward	Councillor (via Teams)

Absent:	Tristan Hulan	Councillor
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Staff:	Jonathan Galgay, CAO (via Teams)
	Jennifer Brake, Town Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**24-1** White/Fowlow  
Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We respectfully acknowledge the Town of Stephenville as the ancestral homeland of different populations of Indigenous people. We also acknowledge with respect, the rich histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu and Inuit of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**24-2** Fowlow/White  
Be it resolved that the minutes of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, public council meeting be approved as presented.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**24-3** White/Aylward  
Be it resolved that the minutes of Privileged Meetings of Council P23-02, P23-03, P23-04, dated September 27, 2023 be adopted as presented.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**24-4** Rose/White  
Be it resolved that the minutes of the Privileged Meeting of Council P23-05, P23-06, P23-07, P23-08, P23-09 dated October 10, 2023 be adopted as presented.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

- 24-5** Rose/Fowlow  
Be it resolved that the minutes of the Privileged Meeting of Council P24-01 dated January 4, 2024 be adopted as presented.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- 24-6** Rose/Aylward  
Corrections to Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.  
Be it resolved to amend the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on November 23, 2023 that were previously adopted as presented.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

## **PROCLAMATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Deputy Mayor Fowlow presented the recommendations from the finance committee meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **Terminated Tax Agreement**

- 24-7** Fowlow/White  
Be it resolved that the payments totaling \$80,000 and interest adjustments of \$ 11,724.40 for the total amount of \$91,724.40 be applied to Port Harmon Authority Ltd and 69385 Newfoundland and Labrador Inc tax accounts.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **Expense Cheque December 2023**

- 24-8** Fowlow/Aylward  
Be it resolved to approve expense cheques in the amount of \$315,810.22.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **Approval to Travel - FCM- Annual Conference & Trade Show 2024**

- 24-9** Fowlow/White  
Be it resolved to approve council to travel to the annual FCM conference and Trade show on June 6-9, 2024 in Calgary, Alberta.  
In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White  
Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Request for Sponsorship – Rotary Music Festival 47th Anniversary**

**24-10**

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved to sponsor an advertisement in the amount of \$150.00 for the 47th Annual Rotary Music Festival.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Approval to Tender - New 2024 4 x 4 Pickup Truck with Cap**

**24-11**

Fowlow/Aylward

Be it resolved to Tender a New 2024 4 x 4 Pickup Truck with Cap.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Approval to Tender – 2024 Vacuum Sweeper Truck**

**24-12**

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved to issue a Tender for a New 2024 Vacuum Sweeper Truck, as per public procurement act.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Award of Tender – Fire Department Work Truck (F2)**

**24-13**

Fowlow/Aylward

Be it resolved to Award Tender for new 2023 GMC Yukon XL to lowest bidder Dennis GM, Stephenville in the amount of \$ 87,377.00 excluding HST.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Approval to Tender- Equipment Rental 2024**

**24-14**

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved to issue a Tender for 2 year contract for Equipment Rentals.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

**Community Grant Program Fall 2023**

**24-15**

Fowlow/Aylward

Be it Resolved to approve Community Grants to the listed groups totaling \$59,026.37.

Stephenville Cultural Destination Committee	\$5,050.00
Zion Pentecostal Church	\$4,338.95
Search & Rescue Inc.	\$21,587.33
Stephenville Taekwondo	\$1,430.10
Bay St. George Disc Golf Association	\$14,455.00
Whaleback Nordic Ski Club	\$9,664.99
Southwest Coast SPCA	\$2,500.00
Total:	\$59,026.37

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

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### **Approval to Travel – World Hydrogen 2024 Summit & Exhibition**

**24-16**

Fowlow/White

Be it resolved to approve Mayor Rose to attend World Hydrogen 2024 Summit & Exhibition May 13-15, 2024 in Rotterdam Ahoy, Netherlands.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **PERMITS AND MUNICIPAL PLAN**

Councillor White presented the recommendations from the Planning and Traffic committee meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### **37-39 West Street- Mark Lewis**

**24-17**

White/Fowlow

Be it resolved to approve a permit for comprehensive development on the property located at 37-39 West Street to construct a 4 plex, subject to compliance with all Town Regulations and approval of Service NL.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **Approval to Sign – Whalen Crescent Extension Subdivision**

**24-18**

White/Aylward

Be it resolved to approve Whalen Crescent Extension Subdivision Agreement Phase 1 for 12 lots.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **Town of Stephenville Winter Carnival 2024**

**24-19**

White/Fowlow

Be it resolved that Town of Stephenville Winter Carnival will take place from February 26- March 3, 2024.

In Favor: 4 Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White

Opposed: 0 Motion Carried

### **BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Mayor Rose**

Mayor Rose highlighted some important events that took place in 2023:

- Sale of Port of Stephenville to Private Capital – May 31, 2023
- Sale of the Stephenville Airport to Private Capital – August 25, 2023 and the completion of LED Lighting system, worth three million dollars, federal government contributed two million, and Dymond group approximately one million.

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- The Provincial government announced a \$40 Million contract to build a new collaborative care clinic in Stephenville.
- Stephenville Industrial Facility has been sold for 10 million dollars, with payments over the next eight years.
- Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network is continuing to construct a \$ 4 Million dollar Housing project.

Mayor Rose stated he is comfortable expressing council after three years in term has left the town in a better place. He acknowledged individuals have the right to complain about council and use social media platforms to address, however it is challenging when the information is inaccurate.

Mayor Rose acknowledged the council's support to lobby for Health Care and the Collaborative Clinic; with many meeting with health care officials including Premier Furey, Minister Haggie, Minister Osborne, Sister Davis, Dr. Parfrey.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Rose acknowledged the resignation of Councillor Boland and Councillor Tiller. He thanked them for their service and contributions to the council. Councillor Aylward and Councillor White also thanked them and wished them well. A by-election will be held, and the date will be forthcoming. Anyone interested must be a resident of Stephenville, taxes must be paid and must have time to commit to council.

Mayor Rose stated the mil rate for residential property did not change in the 2024 budget, it remained at 7.2 mils, there was a slight increase of .2 mils for Business Tax. Residents' assessments increased, which would increase their bill, this is outside the control of council. After 30 years steady, the water and sewer rates increased. The increased cost of operating, infrastructure expansions to water/sewer and maintenance on infrastructure all are considered when reviewing the budget. He thanked staff, management and council for a really good budget.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**24-20**

Aylward/White

Be it Resolved that since there is no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

In Favor:	4	Aylward, Fowlow, Rose, White
Opposed:	0	Motion Carried